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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --The amendment document filed on 11 April 2006 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT: 1. Amendments to the specification: A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings. B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined. ☐ C. Other 2. Abstract: A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72. B. Other \_\_\_\_\_. ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings: ☐ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d). ☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required. C. Other 4. Amendments to the claims: A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present. B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended). D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order. ☐ E. Other: 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4); The amendment filed on 4/11/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because applicant does not response to rejections for dependent claims i.e., claims 32 and 33. For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714. TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE: 1. Applicant is given no new time period if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the entire corrected amendment must be resubmitted. 2. Applicant is given one month, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action. If any of above boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action. Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in: Abandonment of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action; or Non-entry of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment. Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE), if applicable Telephone No.

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on 4/11/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because applicant does not response to rejections for dependent claims i.e., claims 32 and 33. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). If a notice of appeal and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) were filed prior to or with the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r), the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) by applicant is construed as a request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution under 37 CFR 1.129(a). The appeal stands dismissed.

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## **Contact Information**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cam Y T. Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-4042. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Firday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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